

STRAWBERRIES - Grown throughout New York for local sales and U-Pick. The State ranked 7th in production in 1999 and the crop was valued at \$8.27 million.

DRY BEANS - Grown in Western New York and valued at \$8.24 million in 1999. New York ranks 17th in production.

GRAIN - New York also has significant production of several grain crops. Corn, oats and wheat are the mostly widely grown in the State. New York ranks 2nd in corn silage production and 10th in corn for grain. The State placed 10th in oat production and 28th in winter wheat.

HAY - Production was valued at \$305 million in 1999. New York ranks 22nd in all hay and 13th in production of clover and grass hay. Most of the hay is used on the farms where produced and the value realized through the sale of milk and livestock.

MAPLE SYRUP - A \$5.32 million crop in 1999 ranked the state 2nd in production after neighboring Vermont. New York's 2000 output was up 8 percent from the previous year as producers began to recover from the 1998 ice storm.

TART CHERRIES - Produced mostly in the Lake Ontario region of Western New York. Production and value of the crop fluctuates widely. New York ranked 2nd nationally in 1999 production. The 1999 crop was valued at \$2.82 million.

NEW YORK FARMS: **Number, Acres and Value, Selected Years**

Year	No. of farms	Acres per farm	All land in farms	Value land/buildings ^{1/}	
				Total	Per farm
	(000)	Acres	Mil. acres	Mil. \$	Thou. \$
1997	38	205	7.8	9,750	257
1998	38	205	7.8	9,984	263
1999	39	200	7.8	10,459	268

^{1/} Excludes operator dwellings.

CASH RECEIPTS FOR NEW YORK FARM PRODUCTS

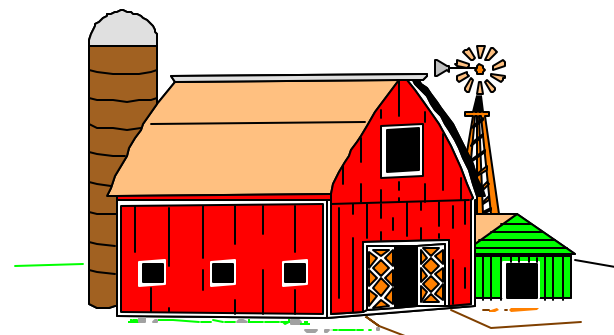
Category	1997	1998	1999	% of Total
<i>Million dollars</i>				
Livestock & Products	1,828	2,092	2,043	66.0
Greenhouse, Nursery,	242	292	284	9.2
Field Crops	247	269	275	8.9
Vegetable Crops	295	273	259	8.4
Fruit Crops	203	191	211	6.8
All Commodities ^{1/}	2,838	3,141	3,095	

^{1/} Totals do not sum due to other minor commodities.

NEW YORK'S LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS Cash Receipts and National Ranking

Product	1999 Cash Receipts Mil. Dol.	Percent of Total	Rank
Dairy Products	1,737	56.1	3
Greenhouse and Nursery	275	8.9	11
Apples	123	4.0	2
Cattle and calves	122	3.9	35
Hay	87	2.8	22
Sweet corn	65	2.1	5
Corn for grain	61	2.0	17
Grapes	59	1.9	3
Potatoes	55	1.8	13
Cabbage	45	1.5	2
Onions	42	1.4	6

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Agriculture is important in New York State. About 25 percent of the State's land area or 7.8 million acres are used by our 39,000 farmers to produce a wide variety of food products. Here are some of the commodities in which New York ranks high nationally.

DAIRY PRODUCTS - Milk is New York's leading agricultural product and is produced throughout the State. Milk accounts for over one-half of the State's farm cash receipts from all products. Production in 1999 was a record high 12.0 billion pounds with a total value of \$1.8 billion. New York ranks 3^d nationally in milk production.

HORTICULTURE - In New York, greenhouse and nursery products value of production was \$275 million in 1999. New York ranked eleventh in the nation for total commercial sales. Sales of bedding and garden plants ranked first within the state and nursery plants were second.

FLORICULTURE - New York ranked sixth in the nation for total commercial floriculture sales in 1999. Sales totaled \$160 million. Bedding and garden plants brought in the most sales, followed by potted flowering plants. Floriculture products were grown under 22.2 million square feet of covered area and on 978 acres of open ground.

MEAT PRODUCTION - New York with 162,300 calves slaughtered during 1999 dropped to 4th place. There also were 65,700 cattle, 52,100 hogs and 27,300 sheep and lambs slaughtered in New York plants in 1999. The value of meat animals sold by New York farmers was \$131 million in 1999.

APPLES - New York ranked 2nd in the nation in apple production in 1999 behind Washington. The crop is valued at about \$138 million. Three

general areas produce the apple crop: along the southern shore of Lake Ontario, the Hudson Valley counties of Columbia, Dutchess, Ulster, and Orange, and the Lake Champlain Valley, mostly in Clinton County. Leading varieties produced include McIntosh, Rome, Empire, Red Delicious, Rhode Island Greening, Idared, Cortland and Empire.

POTATOES - Production is centered in eastern Suffolk County (*Long Island*) and Upstate in Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, and Livingston Counties, with scattered production in other areas of the State. Value in 1999 was \$60.8 million. The State ranks 13th in production.

EGGS - An important segment of the State's agriculture, with 1999 production valued at \$47.1 million. Production is spread throughout the State. Leading counties include Wayne, Erie, and Cayuga in the west and Sullivan in the southeast. New York ranked 21st in egg production in 1999.

ONIONS - An important crop, valued at \$41.7 million in 1999. Onions are primarily grown in muck soils in Orange, Orleans, Oswego, Madison, and Wayne Counties. The State ranked 7th in production in 1999, with 353 million pounds.

GRAPES - New York ranked 3rd in the production of grapes in 1999, behind California and Washington. The crop was valued at \$59.2 million with most used for juice and wine. New York is third only to California and Washington in wine production. There are four major grape producing regions in the state - The Lake Erie area, the Finger Lakes area, the Hudson Valley area and on Long Island. Each region had unique grape growing conditions, but what they all have in common are bodies of water which moderate the temperature year round. Concord is the dominant variety produced in the State and normally accounts for about three quarters of the total production.

CABBAGE - Principally grown south of Lake Ontario in Monroe, Genesee, Orleans, Ontario and Niagara Counties. This is the center of production of cabbage for storage, which is moved to the fresh market during the winter months. Cabbage is also grown in Suffolk County. Value of the crop grown in 1999 was about \$44.7 million. New York ranked first in fresh market and second in cabbage for kraut in 1999.

SWEET CORN - Produced throughout the State with concentration in the Lower Hudson Valley and in Western and Central New York in Genesee, Cayuga, Ontario, Orleans, Livingston, Monroe, Wyoming, and Wayne Counties. The 1999 production placed New York 4th in fresh market and 5th in processing tonnage. Total value of the 1999 crop was \$64.9 million.

SNAP BEANS - Grown in the Central and Western parts of the State for fresh market and processing. The 1999 value of the crop was \$33.6 million. New York ranked 4th in production for processing and 3rd for fresh market.

OTHER VEGETABLES - Lettuce (*worth \$3.34 million in 1999*), cauliflower (*\$6.32 million*), carrots (*\$5.45 million*), green peas for processing (*\$9.96 million*) and beets for processing (*\$3.04 million*) are also grown in the State. Lettuce and celery are grown in the muck soils of Orange and Oswego Counties. New York ranked 3rd in cauliflower, 5th in green peas for processing, and 6th in carrots for processing.